

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A composition for treating bone infection, which comprises an antibiotic and ~~a hyaluronic acid and/or~~ a hyaluronic acid gel, wherein the hyaluronic acid gel is crosslinked hyaluronic acid made of hyaluronic acid having a weight average primary molecular weight greater than 800,000 wherein the hyaluronic acid gel is prepared by dissolving hyaluronic acid in an aqueous solution at an acidic pH with no crosslinkers and freeze-thawed to form the hyaluronic gel and wherein the antibiotic is added to the formed hyaluronic gel.

Claim 2 (Original): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the bone infection is traumatic bone infection.

Claim 3 (Original): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the bone infection is hematogenous bone infection.

Claim 4 (Original): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the bone infection occurs after total arthroplasty and/or fracture surgery.

Claims 5-9 (Cancelled).

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the crosslinks in the crosslinked hyaluronic acid are hydrolysable.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the structures of the crosslinks in the crosslinked hyaluronic acid have ester linkages in the structure.

Claim 12 (Original): The composition according to Claim 11, wherein the crosslinks in the crosslinked hyaluronic acid have self-ester linkages in the structure.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the antibiotic is one member selected from the group consisting of gentamicin, vancomycin and minomycin.

Claim 14 (Original): The composition according to Claim 13, which is in the form of one member selected from the group consisting of a sheet, a film, a rod, a sponge, a mass, a fiber, a paste, a gel suspension and a tube.

Claim 15 (New) The composition according to claim 1, wherein the acidic pH is about 6.0.